

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The present invention concerns a method for modifying the growth characteristics of plants by modifying expression in a plant of a nucleic acid sequence encoding a 2xC2H2 zinc finger protein and/or modifying level and/or activity in a plant of a 2xC2H2 zinc finger protein. The invention also relates to transgenic plants having modified growth characteristics, which plants have modified expression of a nucleic acid encoding a 2xC2H2 zinc finger protein. For example yield of crop plants are improved by the methods of the present invention.